

Treaty of Verdun

The unbalanced German east went to Louis; the thoroughly Latin Neustria and Aquitaine (the greater part of modern France) to Charles; Italy and the whole wide intervening belt of territory from the Rhône basin to the Belgian coast to the emperor LOTHAIR, including besides Austria, Burgundy, Provence,

On this middle kingdom lay both
the Frank capital, Aachen, and
the Capital of the Empire, Rome.

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Western Empire; Partition of Verdun.
Lothair (emperor) takes Middle King-
dom, with Italy; Lewis the Trans-
Rhenish territories; Charles the Bald
(first king of France) the West.

Treaty of Verdun Breaks up the Carolingian Empire

The Frankish Kingdom is divided into east & west

Charlemagne's empire, already weakened by economic decline, was divided by his son and successor Louis the Pious, who made his eldest son Lothar, Co-emperor in 817 and allotted frontier kingdoms to two younger sons Pepin and Louis the German.

In 823 Louis's widow bore him a 4th son, known
to history as Charles the Bald, and her determination
to secure him a part of the imperial inheritance
led to a generation of Civil Wars. They came to an
end at the Battle of Fontenoy in 841, with
victory over both of Charles and Louis the German
who had leagued themselves by the Strasbourg
Oath (significantly sworn in French & German
not in Latin). By Treaty of Verdun, 843, Empire
divided into 3 parts: Lothar, title of emperor, was
given a long central territory (North Sea to Rome)
called Lotharingia; Charles was granted lands to
the West; Louis those to the East. Lothar died in 869
after which his domain was absorbed partly by France
& partly by Germans and North by Burgundians.

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after death of Charlemagne 814

Kingdom of Charles II (the Bald)

Normandy - South to Pyrenees

Center: Kingdom of Lothar Ist; from
Belgium down through France
to about center of Italy

West: Kingdom of Louis the German
from Denmark South to Switzerland

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Treaty of Verdun
established the principle that "every
man should have a lord."

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1912 Dates J-BK

The Picts and Scots united.
England

Kenneth II was king of Scotland.